

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Beecher Smith of Bledsoe County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those citizens whose industry, community involvement, and impeccable character bring honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, Beecher Smith, son of William "Will" Smith and Sarah Warner Smith, is one such exemplary citizen; and

WHEREAS, born in Bledsoe County on November 5, 1921, Beecher Smith was surrounded by the love of his parents and fourteen siblings, Omalee, Laura Bell, Elizabeth, Farrell, Jessie, Lee, Verna, Varlen, Paul, Sue, Shirley, Billy, James, and Hoyt; and

WHEREAS, from 1942 to 1943, Mr. Smith served in the 144th Infantry of the United States Army, and was honorably discharged; and

WHEREAS, a thoughtful public servant, Beecher Smith served as the Bledsoe County road supervisor from 1966 to 1968 and the district state road supervisor under Governor Winfield Dunn from 1971 to 1975; and

WHEREAS, he is perhaps most appreciative of the love and support he shared with his wife, the late Eunice Watson Smith, with whom he was joined in holy matrimony on April 22, 1946, and their children, William Gerald, James "Jimmy," Melvin, Sharon, Sheila, Alan, Gwen, and Angela; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong Bledsoe County farmer and member of the Republican Party, Mr. Smith exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Beecher Smith is a beacon of dedicated public service in Bledsoe County, and it is wholly fitting that he be recognized for his many contributions throughout the years; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize Beecher Smith, salute his dedication to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.